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*(Editor's Note: The awards will be presented during a 7 p.m. dinner in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on Oct. 17.)*

**UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
TO PRESENT 1997 ALUMNI AWARDS**

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton's National Alumni Association will recognize nine of the University's most distinctive graduates during an Oct. 17 awards dinner, which kicks off Homecoming weekend on campus.

Among award winners this year are two well-known names: attorney Paul W. Armstrong, who argued the landmark Karen Quinlan case, and Dan Patrick, the voice of ESPN's SportsCenter.

Armstrong will receive the 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award. An attorney, he argued for the family of Karen Ann Quinlan when they petitioned to have their daughter's respirator turned off so that she might die rather than exist in a vegetative state. Armstrong, who received a bachelor's degree in history in 1967 and a master's in history in 1969 from UD, has argued against physician-assisted suicide before the U.S. Supreme Court and is now involved in the fight to keep tobacco products out of the hands of children.

Special Achievement Awards will be presented to:

- Jacqueline M. Brumfield, a psychologist for West Carrollton City Schools, who has been a driving force behind the Special Olympics in the Miami Valley for 20 years. Brumfield earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1971 and a master of science degree in 1984.
- Charles Jones, founder of the Dayton Youth Golf Academy, which provides free golf lessons to underprivileged youth. He was the first African-American to earn a varsity letter in athletics as a member of the Flyer basketball team. He earned a bachelor of science degree in secondary education in 1949.
- John F. Michitsch, a major general in the Army who has distinguished himself as a military leader in Vietnam and Desert Storm during a 30-year career. Michitsch earned a bachelor of science degree in German in 1965.
- Daniel Patrick Pugh, whom sports fans nationwide have come to recognize as the voice of ESPN's SportsCenter. He joined the network in 1989 following stints in local radio and sports reporting at CNN. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in communication in 1979.
- Mary Anne Sharkey, a political adviser to Cleveland Mayor Michael White. Considered one of the top journalists in America, Sharkey served as editorial page editor, assistant managing editor and politics editor of the *Plain Dealer* in Cleveland. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English in 1974.

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A Special Service Award will be presented to:

- Mary F. Minnis, former head of UD's alumni chapter in Cincinnati who was responsible for helping to create the National Alumni Association Scholarship, a 1994 alumni survey and a strategy for chapter communication. Minnis earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering in 1979.

Christian Service Awards will be presented to:

- Laura Jean Libertore, associate director or director of the Marianist Volunteer Service Communities based at UD since her graduation with a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1983. The program recruits and sponsors people for extended service experiences.
- Sister Rose H. Wildenhaus, C.P.P.S., executive director of St. Mary's Development Corp., which has been widely recognized as a successful model of community development. Wildenhaus graduated in 1965 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

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